

Library & Learning Commons



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Big Library Changes Are Coming...



We welcome back new and returning students, faculty and staff. The fall semester is off to a great start. Librarians and staff across the state have been hard at work configuring and preparing our new library system all through the summer, and continuing to do so throughout this entire semester. The project purpose is to provide a single, easy to use library system for the students, faculty, and staff of the CSCU and users of the Connecticut State Library.

What you can expect:

- A new discovery (search) system that searches books, electronic resources, and journal articles all at once.
- A unified database to search for resources at all state universities, community colleges, and the Connecticut State Library.
- Ability to request delivery of any available item in the CSCU system, or go visit to pick up!

Summer 2016 activities:

- Completed migration and configuration forms. Described our data and detailed how each library wanted it displayed in the new system.
- Extracted and delivered data files. Downloaded records for each library's collections and transferred to our new vendor for uploading.
- Created cross-institutional teams and working groups engaging together to make decisions and share system management tasks.
- Developed and approved system-wide policies. Deepening our commitment to collaboration and resource sharing.

Fall 2016 activities:

- System testing. Confirming the validity of the data and learning to work in a new environment.
- Staff training. Ensuring all staff members have the information needed to provide service on day one.
- Discovery System configuration. Developing individual and shared views of our collections for all end users.
- Delivery system. Continuing to work together to provide broad access to to physical collections across the state.

When you can expect it:

GO LIVE is January 9, 2017!

New system available and ready for searching!

*For more information,
visit the project web site at:
<http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/library>*

Keep well informed and get ready for it!



Attention Faculty!

Changes to Information Literacy Instruction

The library's Assessment/Instruction Design Committee has been hard at work redesigning the library's Information Literacy Instruction program. New changes include the following:

- **Updated Information Literacy & Instruction Request Form;** the new form features overview instruction options as well as information literacy activities; including Hands On Time, Online Exercise/Tutorial and a Pre and Post Information Literacy Assessment (a new **requirement** for all **TAP courses** receiving Library Instruction). New forms can found at the Library Reference Desk or online—<http://gwcc.libsurveys.com/GCCLibraryILForm>.
- **Faculty Evaluation for Library Instruction;** the evaluation form will be emailed to faculty by Instruction Librarians upon the completion of a Library Instruction session. Librarians would greatly appreciate your participation and feedback as we continue to improve our Information Literacy program!
- **Online Library Exercise/Tutorial;** this online tutorial will provide students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with utilizing the library catalog and databases.
- **Hands on Time;** this feature provides students with hands on time to start research and gather resources with Librarian assistance.

Changes to MLA

In April of 2016 the 8th edition of the MLA handbook was published. The updated edition features a new

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model for entries in a works cited that include a list of core elements to be utilized to cite sources regardless of format.

Whether you are citing a book, article, lecture notes or tweet, you use the same format. See the MLA core elements to the left. Please ask a Librarian if you have any questions or need help!

NEW! EasyBib EDU

The library's citation generator tool which helps students with creating and organizing citations has undergone some changes. The *new* Easybib EDU will now require a free one-time coupon code in order to create or access an existing account. Those of you who have already been using Easybib will NOT lose your projects. Previous users will log in and then need to enter the code. New users will have to enter the coupon code when they create their account. To access your account or create a new account, go to the library's homepage and click on Easybib. You will then be provided with a link, directions, and the coupon code.

GCC Library's Coupon Code for EasyBib EDU is:

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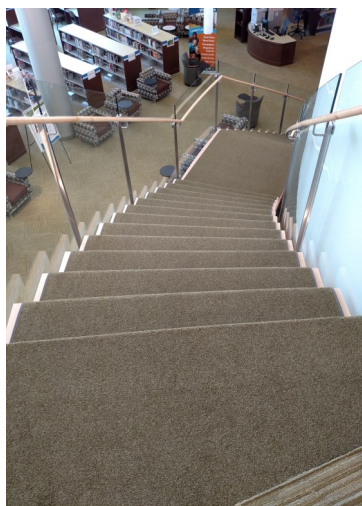
If you have any questions, please contact the library at 203-285-2057.

You asked We listened

Carpeting on the Library Stairs!

Over the summer, carpeting was installed on the staircase in an effort to reduce the noise going down the first and quiet floor of the Library!

Let us know what you think!



Library Milestone

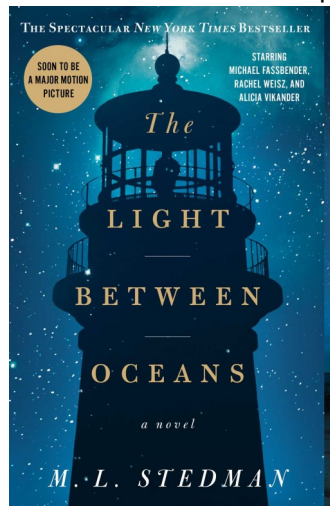
Since the Library moved to its' new location downtown, our

one millionth
library visitor

walked through the doors during the Spring Semester! According to Library Associate, Bill Maisfehl, this visitor entered the Library sometime during the week of February 15, most likely on the 18th—perhaps it was you!!

GCC Library Book Club, Fall Semester Meetings

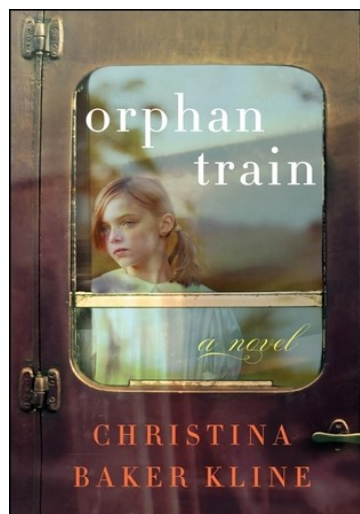
Copies of the books (print and audio) are available in the Library! All meetings will take place in the Library Multi-purpose Room, S217 from 2-3PM. All are welcome to attend!



Book: *The Light Between Oceans*

Author: M.L. Stedman

Date: Thursday,
October, 13



Book: Orphan Train

Author: Christine Baker Kline

Date: Thursday,
November, 10



Story Time in the Library!

New Databases Page

The Library Databases page received a makeover this summer! To access the databases from the library's homepage click on **"Articles/Databases"** under *Find*. From there you will see a listing of all the databases the library subscribes to organized by subject.

ALL Library Magazines & Journals can NOW be checked out

Starting this semester ALL library magazines and journals can now be checked out of the library. Students, faculty and staff can check out up to 4 magazines at a time for a period of 1 week, with no renewals.



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Shauna DeStefano and Martha Lipowski met with children from the Early Learning Center once a week for 6 weeks over the summer to read stories, check out books and play in the Kids Cove!



Summer Happenings



Librarians, Todd Hampton, Martha Lipowski, Shauna DeStefano and Jian Yang pose with Dr. Lana W. Jackman, the past president of the National Forum on Information Literacy (NFIL), at the 2016 CT Information Literacy Conference at the Univ. of Hartford on June 17, 2016.

Librarian, Martha Lipowski, participated in the Leadership, Education & Athletics in Partnership (LEAP) annual Read-In on the New Haven Green, July 22. In addition to the New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, Senator Martin Looney, community leaders, librarians and employees, Martha volunteered her time to promote reading by reading to a group of kids!

